



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

November 18, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Lincoln's annual Book Fair is well under way! Thank you to our librarian, LeeAnne Toner and Library Chairs, Jen Trevett and Anita Colassante for coordinating this well-loved tradition. Stop into school tonight, from 6-8, and savor the BookEnds selection and sample the sweet confections served by our fifth graders. You'll have the chance to peek into the minds of your teachers and support classroom libraries with our teacher wish program. The school library will have more details. On the health front, absentee numbers continue to level out. We are well prepared for the next wave of Flu vaccines, thanks in large part to our school nurse and the ambitious goals of our board of health. Enjoy these fall days and celebrations! Our best, Bridget Stump & Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Tonight and Nov. 18th
Book Fair and Ice Cream Social
Continuing through Nov. 20th
School Book Fair
Wed, Nov. 25th
Early Release 11:30 a.m.
Thurs-Fri, Nov. 26 & 27
NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 3rd 7 p.m. Tree Lighting on
Winchester Common

BOOK FAIR AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendars! Join us on Tuesday, November 17th and Wednesday, November 18th from 6 to 8 p.m. to support the Lincoln School Library at our annual Book Fair. Book Fairs by BookEnds will be providing the books available for sale again this year so we are expecting a great selection. Get a head start on your holiday shopping!

When you've finished your shopping head down to the cafeteria to warm up with a cappuccino or cool down with a sundae at the 5th Grade Ice Cream Social. Proceeds from the Ice Cream Social help defray the costs of year-end activities for the 5th grade,

so please come lend your support. The cost is \$4 per person with a \$15 family maximum.

LSPA DIRECT APPEAL

We need your help! We still have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$28,000 to support the 2009/2010 budget. Any amount helps and *every* amount is appreciated! As you may know, the Direct Appeal is the LSPA's *only* fundraising campaign. Some of the many programs funded by the LSPA include: The Library, Science Mania, Welcome Back Dinner, Field Day, Open Circle Training for Teachers, grade specific field trips, speakers, and activities. The Direct Appeal fundraising efforts are overseen by the Ways and Means Committee. Thank you in advance for your support.

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To Contribute:

You may either leave a check made payable to the **Lincoln School Parents Association (LSPA)** with the contribution form in the box labeled "Direct Appeal" on the table across from the library on the 1st floor of the school *or* you may contribute on-line with your credit card at www.lincolnspace.org by clicking on the Direct Appeal link. The LSPA is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions are tax deductible. We will forward receipts for tax purposes in January. Many employers provide fund matching contributions to tax-exempt organizations. If applicable, please obtain the forms from your employer's human resource department.

PHYSICAL FITNESS ASSESSMENT

Each school year, students in grade one through five participate in a bi-yearly (fall and spring) physical fitness assessment. Our fitness assessments are: curl-ups (stomach and trunk strength), sit and reach (leg and back flexibility), and jog/walk

(endurance). Recorded on the student's progress reports are their percentile in accordance to their gender and age. This percentile is compared to the national average (not our school average). If a student recorded below the 25th percentile in all three categories, we consider this – Needs Improvement. If the student was absent or medically cleared for the assessment we record that they did not participate.

Our other goal for the fitness lessons is to have our students obtain a better knowledge of the components of fitness and awareness of life-long activities that can better a person's overall health. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Andrea Cogan:

acogan@winchester.k12.ma.us.

LINCOLN SCHOOL MENTOR PROGRAM FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS

Attention parents of 4th and 5th graders! It is time for your child to start thinking about a mentor project for 2009. Each year, this program enables participating students to pursue a special interest or talent on an extracurricular basis by working with a mentor or expert from the local community. It is not a requirement but a fun way to explore new things.

In past years, the student projects have encompassed a wide variety of areas. Some of the mentors that students have worked with include architects, artists, cake decorators, computer experts, inventors, photographers, scientists, and veterinarians, to name only a few.

Students who would like to participate in the program are asked to choose from a wide variety of potential mentors and to submit a brief proposal for a project. Members of the LSPA Mentor Committee will then assign students in small groups to work with mentors. Typically, students and mentors meet two to three times to plan and develop the student project over a 6-week period. The culmination of the program is

a Sharing and Recognition Evening where members of the Lincoln community have the opportunity to view the completed student projects and/or presentations.

This year, Mrs. Scanlon has already introduced the Mentor Program to 4th and 5th grade students in the lunchroom so don't forget to ask your child about it! Students will then receive a brochure explaining the program and a proposal form during the week of November 16th. All completed forms will be due back to the Mentor Committee by Friday, December 4th. The Sharing and Recognition Evening will take place on April 29, 2010.

PLEA FOR HELP: In order for this program to run successfully, we need help from the parent community. If you can spare some time, please contact one of the co-chairs listed below.

Would you like to serve as a mentor? If you would like to serve as a mentor by working with a student or small group of students in an area where you have expertise, please contact the Mentor Committee Co-Chairs:

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LANGUAGE BASED LEARNING DISABILITY PARENTS GROUP

Our first meeting on November 4th was a huge success with almost every grade K-9 represented. Linda Stapp, Director of Pupil Services, was in attendance and we had a great discussion that included assistive technology, our children's wonderful strengths, IEP's and accommodations. We also talked about our children's self-esteem and confidence and private evaluations vs. school evaluations. Many people walked away with helpful ideas and suggestions that they could act upon immediately.

Our second meeting will be held at Amy Kraft's home located at 34 Oxford Street on Wednesday, December 2nd at 9:15 a.m. Please feel free to contact Amy Kraft akpk1282@verizon.net or Kim Lazarus Kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net.

INDOOR SOCCER FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

Winchester Indoor Soccer is a start-up league for girls ages 7-10 and boys ages 6-8 designed to allow players to develop their soccer skills through 5 vs. 5 games at

Lynch gymnasium. The girls' league will be held on Wednesdays starting December 2, with games lasting 1 hour, starting at 4:00 or 5:00. The boys' league will run on Tuesdays starting December 1, with games lasting 1 hour, starting at 4:00 or 5:00. Questions, please contact Michelle Ross at 781-756-0170.

WINCHESTER SOCCER CLUB WINTER TRAINING SESSIONS

Registration Now Open! SachemsFC Academy Session: Putting the FUN in learning the FUNdamentals! Boys and girls U6-U10: 14 Saturdays, begins January 2nd. For more information visit www.sachemsfc.com/sachemsfcacademy.html SachemsFC Schools Session – Advanced Striker/GoalKeeper: with NEW Goal Keeper Trainer: Joci Rosa. Boys and girls U10-U18: 13 Thursdays, begins January 7th. For more information visit www.sachemsfc.com/sfcschools.html

COOL SCIENCE CLUB

Get ready for winter with the Cool Science Club! Registration is now open for the winter session of the wildly popular Cool Science Club – an after-school program that provides fun, hands-on, experiment-driven projects in science, technology and math. Club Scientists lead explorations of individual topics for groups of 10 students and are assisted by Young Scientists (from grades 8-12). This five-week session is scheduled to include MANY fun and NEW science topics. For grades K-2: Discovery Science, Kitchen Chemistry; Grades 1-2: Explore Stars and Planets in STARLAB. For grades 3-6: Be an Energy Star, LEGO Robotics, Build a Better Mousetrap, and Ocean Commotion! For Grades 3-5: Math Magic. The Club will be held on Wednesdays (1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3) from 3:30 to 5:00p.m. at McCall Middle School. Get your registration form today from paulagiancola@comcast.net. The fee per Club participant is \$95. Scholarships are available. Lanie Higgins, Science Coordinator at the McCall Middle School, is the Cool Science Club Director: 781-729-7157, LHiggins@winchester.k12.ma.us.

WANTED: SINGERS, DANCERS, ENTERTAINERS FOR 89TH ANNUAL WINTON CABARET SHOW

Auditions will be held on Mon., Dec. 7th and Tues., Dec. 8th beginning at 7 p.m. at the Winchester Town Hall Auditorium, 71 Mt. Vernon St. The show runs from January 26-30, and all levels of talent are welcome! For more information please visit <http://cabaret.wintonclub.org>.

FANSPLASH UPDATES

We have raised over \$57,000 for the Borggaard Beach Splash Park! Only \$164,000 more to go, and if we raise this over the next three months, we can have a splash park THIS June! You can help support our fundraising efforts by designing your own bathhouse tile, ordering a customized FANSplash Gift Bag, or joining us for an exclusive matinee performance of the Dinosaur Musical at Stoneham Theater. For more information on how to get involved, visit www.fansplash.org.

WHS CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF DEEDS

The WHS Symphony and Sinfonietta will be joined by the Ambrose School 5th Grade Chorus for a concert supporting the Mission of Deeds on Sun., Dec. 13th 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. The program includes highlights from Carmen, as well as selections from Handel and Haydn. The concert is free; however, voluntary contributions will be collected at the performance.

WHS BAND UNIFORM FUND

Please help us put all the Winchester High School band members in new uniforms for next year's events! Funds are *still* needed to outfit a growing high school band with the increased enrollment in the schools. If you would like to help, please use the attached form. For more information, email our Treasurer, Anne Marie Hill at hill.davis@comcast.net.

LINCLETTER SCHEDULE

The Lincletter is published weekly on Wednesdays with a deadline to submit news the prior Friday.

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